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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOWARD C. PETERSEN
Assistant Secretary of War
Pentagon Building

Subject: Liquidation of SSU

1. I am informed that Colonel William W. Quinn has recommended relief from his appointment by you as Director, Strategic Services Unit, War Department. I concur in this recommendation inasmuch as the Strategic Services Unit has completed the servicing and cooperation necessary to the establishment of the Central Intelligence Group, and has transferred or otherwise disposed of its property, records and facilities as requested by me.

2. I have been informed that there are certain matters pertaining to the past operations of the Office of Strategic Services and the Strategic Services Unit, including claims and requests for information, which are being received and will be received for an indefinite period, and that it will be necessary in some cases that action be taken in the name of the Director, Strategic Services Unit. Personnel on my staff are available to process the small number of such matters contemplated, and it is recommended that Colonel Donald H. Galloway be designated by you, in addition to his other duties with CIG, to act as Director, Strategic Services Unit, War Department, where necessary until final liquidation can be determined, unless earlier relieved.

HOYT S. VANDENBERG
Lieutenant General, USA
Director of Central Intelligence

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